

ADMINISTRATOR NAMED
FOR SPRATLEY ESTATE

Springfield, March 6.—A. E. Spratley was appointed administrator of the estate of the late Hiram S. Spratley, who died on September 20, 1911, this morning by Probate Judge Gideon. The estate consisted of real estate valued at \$1,000.

Heirs to the estate are Mary A. Spratley, widow; G. T. Spratley, son, both of Springfield; A. E. Spratley, son, of Monett; and W. H. Spratley, a son, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The administrator furnished bond of \$200.

Mrs. L. Koons, of Ft. Smith, Ark., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alice Gerhard.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the Estate of G. M. Reno, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 20th day of February 1920, by the Probate Court of Barry County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said Estate, are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such Estate and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of last insertion of this publication, they will be forever barred.

This 20th day of February, 1920.

POHN R. WALLEN,

Judge of Probate.

JOHN P. S. PLANCHON,

Administrator.

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MRS. OSBORNE WEDS
ARTHUR BABB

Picher, Okla., March 6.—Mrs. Media Osborne and Arthur Babb, both well known here, were married at Carthage, Mo., this afternoon. They left immediately for Kansas City to spend a short honeymoon, and will return to their home on South Picher street within a few days.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell. Babb is part owner of the Babb & Powell Supply Company. He came here from Galena last summer, soon after he was discharged from the army.

Earl Callaway is attending a convention of Edison dealers in Kansas City this week.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that letters of Administration on the estate of Willis Clark, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 23rd day of February, 1920, by the Probate Court of Barry County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate, are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of last insertion of this publication, they will be forever barred.

This 23rd day of February, 1920.

H. A. GARDNER, Administrator.

JOHN R. WALLEN,

Judge of Probate.

First insertion Feb. 27, 1920.

M. & N. A. RAILROAD IN
HARD WAY FINANCIALLY

That the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad may be disbanded and the road scrapped or sold outright, as a result of increase expenditures and the low earning capacity of the railroad, was stated recently by C. A. Phelan, general manager at Harrison, Ark., for the railroad's receiver.

According to Manager Phelan, the railroad, which joins the Frisco at Seligman, may have to curtail freight and passenger train service in an effort to reduce expenditures.

On the basis of last year's showing there must be an increase in the income of the railroad of \$840,000 in order to pay expenses, Mr. Phelan said.—Springfield Leader.

NORTH PURDY

Della and Norman Robbins have a severe attack of the flu.

Misses Alma Spain and Rena Perri-man spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Burg girls.

Several of the people from this community attended the sale at the Reno place, Saturday.

Miss Laura Balmas was pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends Thursday night.

Tom Kobberson and family spent Sunday at W. F. Goodnight's.

The entertainment given at the High school auditorium was well attended. The proceeds will be used for library and laboratory equipments.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Leonard spent Sunday at J. B. Balmas'.

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DEATHS

Mildred Anderson.

Mildred Anderson, aged Three years, 2 months and 25 days, died Saturday morning at eight o'clock following an illness of influenza-pneumonia. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at four o'clock and burial was made in the Anderson cemetery beside her mother and three brothers who died within the same week.

Mildred was the daughter of W. W. Anderson, north of town, and was a sweet little child.

Andrew Jackson Razor.

Andrew Jackson Razor of South Monett, passed away at his home at 12:30 o'clock Friday afternoon following an illness of influenza-pneumonia.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Methodist Protestant church and interment was made in the Eventide cemetery.

Mr. Razor was born in Stone county Missouri in 1849 and died March 5, 1920, aged 71 years, and 2 months. He was united in marriage to Sarah Elizabeth Jordan in September, 1883. His wife and four children survive him. The children are Mrs. Felix Bowling, of Crane; Mrs. Will Vickrey, of Purdy; Alfred Razor; and Mrs. W. M. Frost, of Monett. All of them were at their fathers bedside when he passed away with the exception of Alfred.

James Davis.

James Davis, aged 35 years and 10 months, died at his home on Myrtle street Thursday night at twelve o'clock, of miners consumption.

Funeral services were held from the home Friday afternoon, conducted by S. D. Shipley, and the remains were shipped to Crane, Mo., Saturday morning for burial.

The deceased is survived by his wife one brother at Crane, Mo., a sister in Arizona and one in California.

MRS. JIM McWILLIAMS

Word has been received by friends here of the death of Mrs. Jim McWilliams that occurred in Olathe, Colo., last week. Death was caused from influenza.

The family are well known in Monett. Mr. McWilliams was book keeper in the First National Bank at his place from January 1905 to 1915. From here the family went to Picher, Okla., where he was book-keeper for an oil company and later was employed in the bank. They went to Colorado about four months ago, stopping at Monett on their way to visit friends.

Mrs. McWilliams was about 30 years old and leaves a husband and two small children. She was a young woman of much intelligence and very lovable character and had many friends here.

MRS. ROBERT LEE

Mrs. Robert Lee, a highly esteemed citizen of near Verona, died Thursday night. The funeral service was held Saturday afternoon. She was a sister to Clarence and John Turner, of this city, and grandmother of Homer F. Lee, director of the Monett Boys' band.

She leaves a husband and a number of children to mourn her death.

MRS. BETSY ANN THOMAS

Mrs. Betsy Ann Thomas passed away Friday morning at 4:15 o'clock at the home of her son, Ferris Thomas at Cassville. Death was caused from old age and a complication of diseases. She was 77 years old.

She was an old and respected citizen and her death will be mourned by many friends. She had been in failing health for nearly a year. She is survived by four children, namely, Mrs. John Alcock, of Pleasant Ridge; Ferris Thomas, of Cassville; Chas. Thomas, of Newtonia; Wm. Henry Suttles, of Monett. There are three sisters, Mrs. Tithe Bennett, of near Monett, Mrs. Cordelia Hughes, of Aurora, and Mrs. Sallie Long, of Newtonia.

STONES PRAIRIE ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henke and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Rehwinkle and son and Miss Emma Schad visited with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Buchholz, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rupp, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Schad were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Schad, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Schad are both ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig Geske and daughter, Miss Hilda, Frances Starck and Miss Opal Moore visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Geske, and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Enke were shopping in Monett, Monday.

Miss Selma Geske, of Monett, spent the week-end with home folks.

FOR SALE—200 acres improved farm two miles south and 2 miles east of Monett. Good fruit land. John Moriand, R. F. D. 4, Monett, Mo. 11

CONDITION OF STRAW-
BERRIES IN SOUTHWEST

By Charles Carmichael, Field Man for
The Ozark Fruit Growers
Association.

This report will deal more particularly with the general outlook of field conditions at the present time. Noting each local association, that is affiliated with the Ozark Fruit Growers' Association, and the conditions that effect the fields of these different associations.

The conditions of the fields at Logan are about the same as they were this time last year, with the exception of fields that have been fruited the past season. The fields show a stronger plant for fruiting the coming season, due to good rains in the early fall with a good growing season extending late into November. New fields producing their first crop this season vary as to row conditions. Some fields show fair row, while others very light row. Part of this condition is due to the variation of soil, while others are due to methods of cultivation, others to planing weak inferior plants. C. R. Logan, manager, reports a large increase in acreage to be planted this spring.

Conditions at Aurora, reported by Marion Gardner, prominent fruit grower at that place, is that enough plants have been bought at that point to plant 250 acres, with increase acreage being added daily with the probability of between 300 and 350 acres will be planted. Aurora promises to become one of the principal strawberry shipping points in southwest Missouri. On February 7 there was held an all day session of the growers, for the purpose of discussing the proper methods of planting, growing and packing strawberries. Also the manner of maintaining soil fertility. This meeting was well attended by the growers of that section. The subjects discussed were held by prominent authority secured by the Ozark Fruit Growers' Association. This association has been very careful in its methods for beginning the work of a local association. First, the farmers of the surrounding territory, have been interested in planting one good commercial variety, (the Aroma.) They have secured good plants and have taken pains to get the fields well prepared before planting, then last, and most important of all, they took up the question of picking, packing and marketing their fruit when once it was grown. After making a thorough investigation of the different marketing organizations, and different methods of marketing, they selected the old and well tried marketing organization, the Ozark Fruit Growers Association. With this work being completed they feel now that they can put their time and money in this new undertaking, and will receive a fair return for their labor.

The condition at Marionville, reported by J. W. Faulkner is, that present conditions are that the yield at that point will be about the same as last year, provided weather conditions are favorable. Plants are strong and healthy, but thin in the row. Growers seem to be enthused to plant larger decrease this spring than usual, due to the fancy prices received for fruit the past season. Plants are scarce and hard to get for the spring planting, as growers are not inclined to dig and offer plants from their new fields.

Conditions at Monett, reported by W. F. Rausch, manager, are that their fields suffered heavily from the excessive drought of the past summer. Fields that had been fruited one or more seasons, many of the plants died, some almost entirely. However, plants that pulled through until rain began, are showing up good with good strong crowns and roots, promising a fair yield. Growers are very much interested in putting out new acreage this spring, owing to excellent prices received for their fruit the past season. There was held an all day session of the growers at this place February 28, under the direction of the Ozark Fruit Growers Association. Growing and marketing of fruit were the principal subjects discussed. The association, of which Mr. Rausch is the manager, is affiliated with the Ozark Fruit Growers Association, and received an average price per crate net to the association, of \$5.85.

Conditions of strawberries at Seneca as reported by T. G. Buxton, manager are more favorable than most sections of Southwest Missouri, owing to the fact of having a favorable growing season. Fields have good rows with strong healthy plants. There will be 100 acres or more of new fields set this spring. Also there are 100 acres of new fields to be fruited this spring, indicating that Seneca will be among the leading shippers the coming season. Growers at this place are able to secure plenty of good strong plants from their neighbors or their own growing. Seneca holds a splendid record for her grade and pack for her fancy fruit.

T. F. Starcher, manager of the Aroma Fruit Growers Association, reports the fields from his section in splendid condition. He says that they did not suffer any from the drought last summer, and that under favorable weather conditions they will ship at least 25 cars of berries. A large acreage will be planted this spring. Growers are very much interested in the future of the fruit industry.

Conditions at Goodman, as reported by E. Lee Campbell, manager of the Goodman Fruit Growers Association, reports the berry fields in excellent condition for the spring crop. He says they are in better shape than ever before. He also says there will be a large increase in acreage. Goodman is situated near Anderson. The Goodman Fruit Growers are hearty boosters for cooperative marketing. Not only for strawberries but all other kinds of fruits and vegetables. Their grape growers are also affiliated with the Ozark.

George Hatzfeldt, manager of the Farmers' & Fruit Growers Exchange, Neosho, reports the one and two year old fields, suffered materially from the long drought during the summer months. However, some of the growers have fair field and all of the plants are in a strong and healthy condition. This is due to the late fall rain and the growing season lasting until the latter part of November. This put new life into the plant, and they went into the winter season strong and healthy. There will be an increase in acreage this coming season. Mr. Hatzfeldt says that the fields in general are about the same as last year. The Grape Growers Association at this place, after trying to market its fruit through independent salesmen, have come to the conclusion that much better results can be secured by cooperative marketing and have affiliated with the Ozark Fruit Growers Association. J. A. Eastridge, manager of the Grape Growers Association, reports the vines in good condition and under favorable weather conditions, about 40 cars of grapes will be shipped from Neosho. The Moores Early is the principal variety grown.

Report of conditions of strawberries at Pierce City, Missouri, by J. B. Williams, Manager, are that fields suffered heavily from excessive drought the past season. Old and new fields suffered alike. Some fields that have fruited the past two seasons have dried out. Also some new fields planted last spring did not come through the ground with many more plants than were planted. There is a decrease in acreage at this point of possibly 200 acres, from what was fruited the past season, due to old fields dying out and being plowed up. However, there will be a good increase in the new fields planted this spring. Although this decrease in acreage, with favorable weather conditions, the expect to ship from 40 to 60 cars from this point. A very interesting meeting of the growers was held at this place Saturday, March 6.

Garfield and Avoca in Benton County, Arkansas, are the two important shipping points for strawberries on the Frisco Railroad. The associations at these places have made a reputation on the quality and pack of their fruit. At the annual meeting of the Garfield Association held January 10, the report given by the growers indicated the fields have an average row with the plants in excellent condition. The drought during the summer and early fall, did not effect like at some nearby points. There was reported a number of acres of raspberries and blackberries, all showing first class condition. From reports taken at this meeting, there will be 75 acres of new strawberries set this spring. Scarcity of plants will be the only thing that will limit the acreage planted by this association. The drought seems to have hurt the fields at Avoca more than at Garfield. These two shipping stations are only 7 miles apart. The growers of the Avoca Association report a light row but plants in good condition, strong root system and good crowns. Late fall rain and the growing season extending until the end of November, brought this about. Shipping points on the Kansas City Southern, seem to have been better favored with rain. The fields at Decatur are in good condition, and the indications are an average crop will be shipped from that section. The association at Decatur is affiliated with the Ozark Fruit Growers Association, and its manager, E. M. Plank, is a strong advocate of cooperative marketing.

BUYS GROCERY STORE AT PURDY

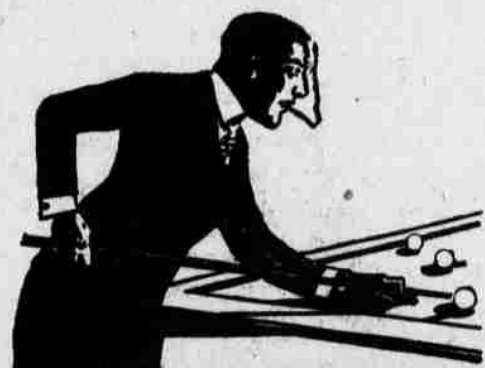
E. H. Williams, who is closing out his grocery store, 101 Central avenue, went to Purdy, Saturday, and bought the grocery stock of Ora McNally and will continue the business at Purdy.

Lawson Nordin expects to remodel the building which will be vacated by Mr. Williams here, and will put in a new stock of groceries.

Herchel Riddle left Sunday night for Mesa, Wash., with the expectations of making that his home.

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